

TWO CONVICTS FLEE

BERT ATCHISON AND JESSE SLOVER
DIG OUT AT EL RENO.

STEAL TWO HORSES

AND MAKE SWIFT TIME TOWARDS
INDIAN TERRITORY.

ATCHISON CONVICTED OF MURDER

UNDER SENTENCE OF NINETY-NINE
YEARS IN PRISON.

Jury Out on the Case of Slover at the Very
Time He Escapes—Purse in Hot Pursuit—Oklahoma News.

El Reno, O. T., Dec. 8.—(Special).—Bert Atchison and Jesse Slover, two of the worst criminals in the county jail, made a break for liberty at noon today. They were allowed the privilege of the corridor and took advantage of it by digging through the brick wall in the back part of the building. After getting out they scaled the high board fence east of the jail and ran to the stable of Mr. Schumacher, where they stole his two horses, which were eating their feed, jumped on their backs and took an easterly direction for tall timber. In twenty minutes a dozen men were mounted and after the fugitives.

Bert Atchison is the man who murdered, in cold blood, August Coots, near Arapahoe. Judge Tammey sentenced him to twenty-nine years in the penitentiary. He was to be taken next week to Lansing.

Jesse Slover was the man who was tried and convicted of holding up Mrs. Newport at her store some time ago, in the west part of the county. He was sentenced to a ten years' term at Lansing and while enroute to the penitentiary he made a break for liberty.

One of the prisoners now in jail says the escape was to have been made over two weeks ago but Atchison and Slover were waiting until the latter's trial came off.

A monkey wrench which a plumber had left in the jail some time ago was the means by which the prisoners effected their liberty.

City Marshal John Hudspeeth took the trail of the men and the chances are they will be retaken, but if not caught today they will make a break for the Indian Territory.

RED AND BLACK CROSS DEGREES

Conferred on to be conferred by El Reno Committee.

El Reno, O. T., Dec. 8.—(Special).—At a meeting held last night of Association Commandery No. 3, the Red Cross degree was conferred upon Miss Elchoff and John Sackett. Next Tuesday night there will be a meeting of Keystone Chapter at 7:30 o'clock and of Association Commandery at 8 o'clock. At the commandery meeting both the Red and Black Cross degrees will be conferred.

BANKERS AT EL RENO

Proceedings of the First Day and Program for the second.

El Reno, O. T., Dec. 8.—The Territorial Bankers' association met here today. U. C. Guss, of the Bank of Indian Territory, Guthrie, presided. A general fraternalization and exchange of views on various subjects of interest to the members took place, and the following program was carried out:

Address of Welcome—Mayor of El Reno.

Response—S. B. Barnes, President U. C. Guss, Guthrie.

Reading of minutes.

Report of secretary—Otho A. Shuttles, El Reno.

Report of Treasurer—D. W. Hogan, Yukon.

Report of executive committee.

The real business of the convention will be transacted tomorrow, when the following program will be carried out:

Address—J. M. Pugh, territorial bank examiner.

"Effects of the New Law on the Banks of the Territory"—W. S. Search, Shawnee State Bank, Shawnee, to be followed by a five minutes' discussion by members of the association.

"What Legislation is Needed by the Banks of the Territory"—J. C. Post, Bank of Kingfisher, to be followed by discussion by members of the association.

General Banking Topics, led by J. W. McNeal, Guthrie National Bank.

"Benefits of the Oklahoma Bankers' Association"—J. H. Wheeler, Oklahoma City.

"Express Money Orders"—S. P. Richardson, Hennessey.

Among the bankers present were: L. P. King, Bank of Waukomis; J. D. McGuire, Norman State Bank; D. W. Marquard, Citizens Bank, Norman; John Gerlock, Gerlock Bank, Woodward; J. C. Smith, Peoples Bank, Kingfisher; F. H. Lorenson, First Bank, Okarche; D. W. Hogan, Bank of Yukon; T. T. Godfrey, Grant County Bank, Medford; W. S. Search, Shawnee State Bank; R. H. Drennan, Bank of Hennessey; U. C. Guss, Bank of Indian Territory, Guthrie; O. A. Shuttles, Citizens State Bank, El Reno; M. Elchoff, Stock Exchange Bank, El Reno; D. B. Burwell, First National Bank, El Reno.

There were also present F. P. Neal, Union National Bank, Kansas City, and Charles H. Pool, Sedgewick County Bank, Wichita.

Bank Examiner John M. Pugh and Attorney General Cunningham were present as invited guests of the association.

The officers of El Reno will at 9 o'clock tomorrow take the members of the association on a drive to the Indian agency at Darlington and to Fort Reno.

ALIVE BUT STEADILY SINKING

Mother McKinley Not Likely to Live More than a Few Hours Longer

Ontonio, O., Dec. 8.—All day the children of Mrs. Nancy Allison McKinley were near her bedside, watching for indications of a hopeful change. They were disappointed. There was no ray of light on the face which betokened returning consciousness. She has been lying in lethargic repose as if in sleep most of the time. She is gradually, but surely, growing weaker. Mr. Abner McKinley says that the family are hoping against hope that she may show a better condition, but her state during the day has been such that the watchers think the end is gradually drawing near. The doctor saw the patient early this evening. He said he could notice no material change, but the weakening process continues steadily. He is prepared for dissolution at any moment, but at the time of this visit had not abandoned hope that she would continue in life during the night and possibly longer. Members of the family at the same hour did not seem to be so hopeful. They have been more constant at the bedside during the illness, and to them the steadily increasing weakness all day was more apparent than to the doctor. Mr. Charles R. Miller, who has been almost constantly at the house, said that he had not previously noted such continued weakness as was noted during the day. This was also accompanied by a higher temperature, and he could scarcely hope that the patient would live beyond midnight. He further said that the others of the relatives felt fully as apprehensive.

The president is almost constantly at the bedside, refusing to be relieved by others and to take the rest and exercise he should. While it has been a matter of life or death to him, he has declined to discuss or to give any information about to his friends, and impossible for the reporters to secure any information upon it. It is believed from the indications at the bedside and the telegraph office, that he is receiving numerous congratulations from the people of the country on his message to congress. The sad circumstances of the visit to his home at this time have not prevented the people from making manifestations of their congratulations.

During the evening Mother McKinley again aroused from her pained sleep. She lay quietly and restfully on her bed, the president at her side watching intently and hopefully for some sign of recognition. The awakening, however, was not accompanied by any appreciable rally. This was the condition at 11:30 o'clock. Up to that hour the patient remained in the deep sleep in which she reposed all day. When the doctor made his last call, finding her in this sleep, he thought she would live until morning. She was still growing weaker, but so slowly that unless a material change came her strength would hold out during the night.

1:45 p. m.—A sinking spell near midnight left Mother McKinley in a much weaker condition. She is again unconscious. The president is still by her bedside.

2:30 a. m.—Mother McKinley gradually growing weaker, unconscious. The president is still by her bedside.

THOUSANDS IN MONEY ORDERS

Uncle Sam's Good Money Leaves the Country in Christmas Presents

New York, Dec. 8.—In the mail bags which went out on the St. Paul today were 5,000 foreign money orders, amounting to 24,554 pounds. These orders are for Christmas presents, and most of them go to Norway and Sweden. This is the first large batch of foreign money orders that has gone out this year. The first orders each year go to Norway and Sweden. About a week later those intended for Germany friends are sent, and after them go the orders sent to Great Britain and Ireland. The money order certificates to France came last, present being sent for New Year's, according to the custom there. The money order business in the New York postoffice this year is about double that of last year's holiday season. There were 20,000 money orders handled yesterday, as against 10,000 on the corresponding day of last year.

TRYING THE DURANT TRICK

To Save a Negro Murderer's Neck, Sentenced in Pennsylvania

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 8.—The execution of the negro, Philip Hill, which was set for today, has been postponed indefinitely. The postponement is due to the fact that the governor has received a petition from the mother of the victim, who is now in the state penitentiary, asking for a reprieve. The governor has granted the reprieve, and the execution will be postponed until after the next session of the supreme court.

CORINNE COMPANY DISBAND

Twenty-Five Members Leave Kansas City

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 8.—Twenty-five members of the Corinne Opera company left here today for New York, the company having disbanded at Topeka, after a four months' struggle with the opera "An American Beauty." Several weeks ago, when her managers lost heart Corinne undertook to carry the company through the season, but met with no better success in her tour of the Trans-Missouri circuit. Rich and Meader organized the company.

MARRIES A NEGRO

ASTOUNDING CASE OF MISCEGENATION IN WISCONSIN.

Gertrude Prince, Nineteen Years of Age and Pretty, the Daughter of a Wealthy and Prominent Family of the Town of Hayes, Concludes That a Colored Person is Good Enough For Her and a Justice of the Peace Does the Rest. The Father is Looking For His Gable son-in-law With a Gun.

Green Bay, Wis., Dec. 8.—Gertrude Prince, the pretty nineteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Prince of Hayes, Oconto county, has eloped with William Smith, a negro. The couple were married yesterday by a justice of the peace at Mountain, Wis. The Prince family is wealthy and prominent in the town of Hayes. John Prince, the father, swears vengeance on Smith and has disowned and disinherited his daughter, insisting that she can never be forgiven.

DISTINGUISHED CHEMIST DEAD

Dr. Campbell Morfit, a Scientist of Note, Passes Away in London

London, Dec. 8.—Dr. Campbell Morfit, the distinguished American chemist, died here today.

Dr. Morfit was born in Herculaneum, Maine, on November 18, 1850. He early applied himself to the study of chemistry and was connected with several colleges. In 1861 he went to London, England. His work included researches in guano, salta, sugars, the analysis of coals, gum mesquite and glycerine, accounts of which he published in the scientific journals of the time. Since his residence abroad he had devoted more attention to the improvement of technical processes, notably in the preparation of condensed food, the manufacture of paper, the refining of oils and other similar work.

He was a member of various scientific societies and the fellow of the Chemical Society of London and the Institute of Chemistry. Besides his numerous scientific papers, he was joint author with James C. Booth of a report to the United States ordinance department on gun metal in 1893, from investigations by him in a laboratory that he established on his own plan at Pikeville arsenal, Maryland.

BY A FALLING DERRICK

Edwin G. Nourse, a Noted Civil Engineer Killed at Rock Island, Ill.

Rock Island, Ill., Dec. 8.—Edwin G. Nourse, assistant engineer in charge of construction of the new crescent bridge, was instantly killed this morning by a falling derrick this morning. Mr. Nourse was one of the best known and the most successful scientific engineers in the west. He designed the railroad terminal at the World's Fair grounds at Chicago. For many years he was chief engineer of the Chicago and Evanston railroad, and was identified with the engineering department of the Milwaukee, Northwestern and Santa Fe systems.

CHINESE IN A DILEMMA

Will be Deported if They Work and Will Starve if They Don't

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 8.—Until six months ago twelve Chinese were doing a grocery business in this city under the firm name of Quong Wing, Lee Co. Wa Yung, a trusted member of the firm, skipped out with \$7,000 belonging to his partners. Many of them are destitute but will not accept work in any of the laundries for fear of being deported, as they are in this country solely as merchants. Today the destitute Celestials applied to United States Commissioner Gray for papers permitting them to remain and work for their living, but he declined to grant them.

MRS. VAN SHAAK TRIES AGAIN

Holds Her Husband's Affections at the Same Old Figure, \$65,000

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Florence Van Schaak today began suit against her father-in-law, Peter Van Schaak, one of the leading business men of Chicago, asking damages in an amount of \$75,000 for alienation of her husband's affections, and \$50,000 for libel. Mrs. Van Schaak claims that her father-in-law induced her husband to leave her by means of letters containing charges which she denounces as untrue. The plaintiff recently secured a verdict, by default, of \$65,000 against the defendant in Brooklyn, but that judgment not being operative in Chicago she has brought another action here.

NEW COLLEGE OF HISTORY

Of the American University to be Completed Very Soon

Washington, Dec. 8.—At the semi-annual meeting of the trustees of the American university held today, the Rev. Dr. Charles H. Payne of New York, secretary of the board of education, presided. The reports of the chancellor, Bishop John F. Hurst, and the vice chancellor, Dr. Samuel Beller, indicated a growing public interest in the progress of the university, which has now assets aggregating on a conservative basis \$1,000,000. The college of history will be completed in about ten days. Among the first articles of furniture to be placed in the new structure will be a table and set of chairs once the property of Charles Sumner, a warlike that belonged to George Bancroft, and the war desk of Edwin M. Stanton, all of which have been recently acquired by the university.

BANK TAXES INCREASED

Cleveland, Ohio, Banks Show Fight on a Recent Raising

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 8.—Under an order from the state board of equalization, the banks on which the banks in this city are taxed have been heavily increased. The taxable valuation of the twelve national banks has been increased \$1,154,000, and that of the twenty-six state banks \$273,000. This action is taken because the present valuation of the banks on the tax duplicates is much lower than that shown by the reports made by the national banks to the comptroller of the treasury. The banks claim that they are legally entitled to the effects which have been allowed heretofore, and they will fight the matter in the courts.

INDIANS AS LOGGERS

Government is About to Make an Experiment in the Northwest

Ashland, Wis., Dec. 8.—The government is about to make the experiment

of making loggers out of its Indian wards on reservations in northern Minnesota.

The plan, which is approved by Land Commissioner Hermann, is that contract loggers be cut and fallen timber on the White Earth and Winnibigoshish reservations will be let to the Indians themselves and to no others. The Indian must contract for the sale of the lumber at a price per thousand delivered on the bank of a lake or stream. Fifteen per cent of the sale price will be deducted for the tribe in payment for stumpage and the remainder will go to the contractor. In case the Indian has not sufficient money with which to purchase a stump outfit, provision is made for advancing the necessary amount, either by the government or the purchaser of the logs. It is expected that between 15,000,000 and 20,000,000 feet will be cut in the Winnibigoshish reservation during the coming winter on a total of about 60,000,000 feet on that of the neighboring reservations.

NEWS FROM THE ANTARCTIC

Announcing Change in Plans of the Belgian Exploring Expedition

New York, Dec. 8.—The Brooklyn Standard-Union today publishes a private letter from Surgeon Frederick A. Cook, the only American member of Captain Adrian De Gerlach's Belgian Antarctic expedition, announcing that the plan for the winter cruise had been considerably changed. The expedition, after coasting at Punta Arenas, will go to Graham's Land, thence to Alexander Land, thence to Victoria Land, where a party will be landed for the winter.

The original plan of the expedition was to wait until the winter of 1898 before effecting a landing.

PERPLEXING POINT IN LAW

How Can Arkansas Hang a Man Doing a Life Term in Georgia?

Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 8.—Interest in the case of a man charged with the murder of a woman, who was sentenced to life imprisonment in Georgia, has been revived, and it is now probable that the due will be investigated.

Sheriff J. D. Clary of Bradley county, Arkansas, in an interview with Governor Jones, told him of strong corroborative evidence of the statement that a Georgia convict and confessed to the murder of Clayton, at Plumerville, in the autumn of 1898. Sheriff Clary says that he has information from a former citizen of Georgia now living in Bradley county, that a Georgia convict made such a confession to another convict, and that the self-confessed murderer of John M. Clayton is now serving a life sentence for the murder of Clayton. His name is withheld, and it is stated that he is a former citizen of Arkansas who fled from the state immediately after murdering Clayton. At the time the murder was committed it was generally considered to be the denouement of a political fight, but according to the confession, politics had no part in the terrible affair, revenge for an old grudge being the motive given by the Georgia convict.

FIVE PER CENT SILVER BONDS

Issued by Mexico are Considered a Good Thing in Europe

City of Mexico, Dec. 8.—The chamber of deputies has approved the bill authorizing the minister of finance to issue a new series of 5 per cent silver bonds of the interior debt to the amount of \$20,000,000, making the total authorization \$60,000,000. The bill is now before the senate. These bonds are issued to convert the floating debt into the form of subsidies, port works, payments, etc., and as a means of making the internal debt uniform. These bonds are always in active demand in Europe, where they are mostly held by small investors, who regard them as an excellent form of placing their savings. The bonds are quoted at 7 to 8 in this market.

CIVIL SERVICE CONFERENCE

Proposed by Those Who Oppose the Existing Order of Things

Washington, Dec. 8.—A paper was circulated in the house of representatives today with a view to bringing about a conference of those members favoring a change in the present civil service system. The paper was handled by Representative Pearson of North Carolina, and received numerous signatures.

MRS. BUTLER STEPS DOWN

Miss Willard Accepts Her Resignation From the Parity Department

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Miss Frances E. Willard, as president of the Woman's C. T. U., has accepted the resignation of Mrs. Josephine Butler, as superintendent of the Parity department. Leaders of the movement said that "after the clear and explicit statements made in the recent resolution at Toronto, and in the president's annual address, it would be useless to endeavor to express with greater clearness the opposition of the white ribbon women everywhere to any form of house-involving social vice."

NEW YORK, DEC. 8.

Mr. P. and Edward Harford, representing the British trades council, both of whom are delegates to the congress of the American Federation of Labor to be held at Nashville, Tenn., arrived today, from Liverpool. They were met by a delegation of labor men.

BETTER BE FRIENDS

BRITISH MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT DOES SOME KEYNOTING.

At a Banquet to Lord Aberdeen, Governor-General of the Canucks, Mr. Edward Blake Says It is a Matter of Either Friends or Foes and That Canada Will Find It Very Much to Her Interest to Cuddle up to Her Uncle Samuel Pretty Affectionately Last the Day of War be Her Undoing.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 8.—Lord Aberdeen, governor-general of Canada, was banqueted tonight at the National club by a representative company. The speech of the evening was delivered by Edward Blake, member of the British house of commons. Mr. Blake replied to the toast of "Canada and the Empire." He spoke of the advantages of cultivating imperial trade.

Concerning Canada's relations with the United States, he urged that the true interests of both countries would be best served by largely extended trade relations.

"We must be either friends or foes," he said, "and it is in the highest interest of Canada and the empire that we should be friends."

NATIONAL GUARD ASSOCIATION

Closer Relations of Volunteer and Regular Forces Recommended

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 8.—At today's session of the Interstate National Guard association General Bell, the president, announced the following executive committee: General Reese of Illinois, General Bend of Minnesota, General Sheridan of Pennsylvania and Colonel Curtis of Indiana. This committee will go to Washington to urge upon congress the necessity of appropriating \$2,000,000 yearly for the national guard.

A number of resolutions were passed, among them being one asking the secretary of war to detail one officer from each branch of the regular service to attend future meetings of the association.

Another resolution adopted follows: "As the organized volunteer forces of the various states are the first reserve corps to the United States army, and as an organization, and individually as citizens, interested in the integrity and maintenance of our institutions; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That, as an association representing the organized volunteer forces, it is the sense of this body that we favor a closer relationship between the regular and volunteer forces of the United States, and that we favor all such legislation as will place the United States in a better condition to maintain its position as one of the great nations of the world."

By a vote of 21 to 14 Chicago was selected as the place of meeting in 1898, and the convention then adjourned.

ITALIANS GONE EXPLODING

They Will Penetrate Unknown Regions of the Chicago Waterfront

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—Felix Bighetti of Genoa, and Dr. R. Desmonde of Naples, have left this city on an exploring trip which they purpose making through the unknown country which lies between the Ontario mining district and the Yukon. They are connected with the Italian Geographical and Geological societies and the results of the expedition will be turned over to these organizations. Mr. Bighetti is confident that he will be able to open a direct overland route to the Klondike.

CATHOLIC KNIGHTS AND LADIES

Supreme President Miss Sheridan Explains

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 8.—Miss Mary Sheridan, supreme president of the Catholic Knights and Ladies of America, says that the damage dealt brought in Chicago against the organization, in which a receiver was appointed by Judge Dunn yesterday, was prompted by a desire to get revenge because an unwarranted claim was rejected. The constitution of the order has never allowed anyone to be admitted over 50 years of age, and this was an attempt to defraud the order by getting into it a woman who was not less than 60 and was almost certainly 61. The order was started seven years ago in this city and is in a flourishing condition.

TEXAS ROAD FLEADS GUILTY

Fines Assessed for Violation of Railroad Commission's Rates

Austin, Texas, Dec. 8.—The International and Great Northern railroad, today, in the district court here, pleaded guilty in twenty cases of the violation of the Texas railroad commission's freight rates and was fined a total of \$20,000 damages.

BANKING AND CURRENCY

House Committee Invites Gage to Embody His Views in a Bill

Washington, Dec. 8.—The house committee on banking and currency, which will have the shaping of a considerable amount of the financial legislation before the house, held its first meeting this morning and outlined its general plan of action. In view of Secretary Gage's recommendation of a comprehensive revision of currency and banking affairs, a resolution was adopted inviting the secretary to embody his views in a bill. The committee was informed that the secretary was now at work on a measure and that it would be available for the committee in about a week.

A sharp debate by moving that the committee act at once by reporting to the house a bill embodying three of the financial features which had the president's approval. There were embodied in a bill heretofore offered by Mr. Broussard of Pennsylvania, and Mr. Hill now proposed that the first three sections be placed before the house immediately. The three sections provided: Bank circulation up to the par value of bonds deposited; reduction of the tax on circulation to one-fourth of one per cent; the establishment of small banks in

BULLETIN OF

The Wichita Daily Eagle.

Wichita, Thursday, December 9, 1897.

Weather for Wichita today: Threatening; cold; variable winds.

High—Frost, 7:11; low, 4:34. Snow—Washing; rain.

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rural communities. Mr. Hill said the committee would do well not to go through the tedious processes of considering and dividing on these three propositions which appeared to meet with general acceptance and had received executive approval.

Mr. Johnson of Indiana earnestly opposed such hasty action. He said there should be time to hear from the gentlemen forming the monetary commission and to weigh all propositions. Preemptive action on such a vital subject would, he said, seriously prejudice it before the house and the country.

The debate was proceeding with animation, when at 12 o'clock the meeting went over, a vote on the Hill motion not having been reached.

Chairman Walker announced four sub-committees and assigned to each a number of the banking and currency bills already introduced.

The sub-committees will begin work at once on the bills before them, each sub-committee having charge of the bills introduced by themselves. The Walker sub-committee will have charge of the Walker bill, which has attracted considerable attention in banking circles. It proposes to introduce the New England Suffolk bank system to the whole country, adding a government guarantee for all bills issued by banks and imposing a small tax on bank notes as a safety fund. The bill of Mr. Hill goes before this committee. Mr. Hill says he has endeavored to draw it on conservative lines, meeting the financial bills which most need reform, without going to a radical extent. He provides for an increase of bank circulation to the par value of bonds deposited; reduces the tax on circulation to one-fourth of 1 per cent; provides for the establishment of small banks in rural communities and does away with the restrictions on the free issue and withdrawal of national bank notes. Except in the last particular, the author of the bill feels that he is in line with President McKinley's recent currency recommendations.

This sub-committee will also deal with the bills of Representative Cox, the ranking Democrat on the committee. The main one is generally known as the Carlisle bill, which was originally urged by John C. Carlisle when he was secretary of the treasury. Mr. Cox is also pressing the bill for the repeal of the tax on state banks.

The Broussard sub-committee will probably deal with Secretary Gage's plan of currency and banking reform. A bill on the same lines has been introduced by Mr. Mitchell of New York, a member of the sub-committee. Its essential feature is to separate the funds of the government into two branches, one relating to fiscal expenditures and the other relating to the broader monetary affairs of the country, the details being much the same as those outlined by Mr. Gage.

Mr. Broussard, the chairman of this sub-committee, also has a comprehensive measure of currency reform. It covers the features which Mr. Hill sought to have reported today and also a separate redemption fund calculated to reinforce the treasury reserve. The measure will also give the secretary of the treasury the discretion of redeeming notes in silver or gold at the option of the holder.

The Johnson sub-committee will deal with Mr. Johnson's bill, which more particularly seeks to allow national banks to issue circulation up to the par value of their bonds deposited.

The Von Voornis sub-committee will handle the Fowler bill, which provides for the refunding of bonds for United States gold bonds bearing 2 per cent interest.

There are many other measures which are before the several sub-committees, but the foregoing comprise those which have attracted the most general attention and are likely to furnish the basis of discussion.

MEETING OF FORESTERS

American Association Holds a Business Session in Washington

Washington, Dec. 8.—The American Forestry association held its sixteenth annual meeting at Washington today. The meeting was mainly a business session, to entirely the requirements of articles of incorporation, for the purpose of receiving reports and the election of officers. General Francis H. Appleton of Boston, presided.

After a brief report from the board of directors the report of the executive committee was read by the chairman, Dr. R. E. Fernow. The report referred to the legislation passed in the extraordinary session of the present congress, providing an administration for the federal forest reservations as a result of educational work of the association during the last ten years.

The owning of forest areas, it said, is being recognized by various states as an essential part of a state forest policy.

The tariff legislation was briefly touched upon as influencing neither favorably nor unfavorably the forestry movement.

Paris, Dec. 7.—M. De Florio, former minister of the interior, is dead, aged 81.

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